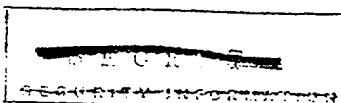


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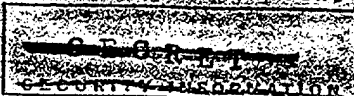
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1. WASHINGTON POST TODAY CARRIES EXCELLENT EDITORIAL ENTITLED "COMMUNIST BEACHHEAD" WHICH TAKES LINE THAT THE SECRET SHIPMENT OF ARMS FALSELY LABELLED OPTICAL EQUIPMENT SHOULD REMOVE ANY LINGERING DOUBTS THAT GUATEMALA IS BEACHHEAD FOR ACTIVE COMMUNIST DESIGNS WESTERN HEMISPHERE. REF ALSO MADE TO INDICATIONS GUATEMALAN INTERFERENCE HONDURAS AND STATES US HAS FULL GROUNDS RAISE GUATEMALAN MENACE WITH OAS WITH VIEW COLLECTIVE ACTION.

2. HOWEVER, ARTICLE FRONT PAGE NEWYORK TIMES SIDNEY CRUSON DECLARES GUATEMALAN PEOPLE NOW UNITED BEHIND GOVERNMENT AS RESULT US ATTITUDE TOWARD ARMS SHIPMENT. ^{APPEAR} ^{THIS PARTICULAR} ARTICLE GIVES AS ONLY EVIDENCE FOR STATEMENT ^{CERTAIN} REF TO ¹ ~~500~~ NEWSPAPER ARTICLES. QUESTION AGAIN RAISED: WHAT IS CRUSON MOTIVATION? WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO ODACID THIS MATTER BE BROUGHT ATTENTION TOP HIERARCHY NEWYORK TIMES AND WOULD LIKE SUGGEST YOUR CONSIDERATION YOU HAVE SOMEONE ASK CRUSON WHAT IS HIS EVIDENCE AND ALSO POINT OUT THERE IS MUCH CONFLICTING EVIDENCE EVEN AS TO ARMY ATTITUDE.

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